



Ninety – Sixth Legislature – Second Session – 2000  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 908**

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**Chairperson:** Senator Kermit A. Brashear  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** 01/27/00

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The intent of LB 908 is to provide those probation officers with more employment benefits; namely, a comparable salary and other benefits currently afforded to those who are under the state employee system. Because probation officers are employees of the Supreme Court and not the state bureaucracy, the state employee union does not protect them. The probation officers in Nebraska are some of the most overworked, underpaid employees in Nebraska.

LB 908 seeks to transfer the Office of Probation Administration from the Supreme Court to the Department of Correctional Services for the administration of probation services. The Office of Probation Administration will continue to be required to provide district judges with any record of a probationer that may be needed. The bill also clarifies that the State Budget Administrator shall create a separate budget program for the office.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator John A. Hilgert**